

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2008

10:00 AM

Board Room

## Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance  
Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen  
Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore,  
Commissioner Patricia Young, President Terrence J. O'Brien*

### **THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item  
may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be  
removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

**Call to Order**

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Barbara J. McGowan; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Patricia Young; and Terrence J. O'Brien

**Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Barbara McGowan, seconded by Debra Shore, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

**Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners**

At 12:05 p.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

**Finance Committee****Authorization**

1      [08-2056](#)      Authority to add Project 07-028-3S, Harms Road 2 Rehabilitation, located in the North Service Area to the Engineering Department Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$5,400,000.00

**Approved**

2      [08-2064](#)      Authority to Transfer the amount of \$44,574,000 pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9 from the Capital Improvements Bond Fund to the Bond Redemption & Interest Fund to provide for the early redemption of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series of July, 1997

**Approved**

3      [08-2078](#)      Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$23,574,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Bond Fund

**Approved**

**Purchasing Committee****Report**

4      [08-2035](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 16, 2008

**Published and Filed**

5      [08-2036](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 08-036-11 Furnish and Deliver Salt and Calcium Chloride to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$39,000.00  
**Published and Filed**

6      [08-2038](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 23, 2008  
**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

7      [08-2046](#)      Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 08-789-12 Furnish and Deliver Three Electric Motors to the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, from \$45,000.00 to \$58,700.00, Account 101-67000-634600, Requisition 1235984  
**Deleted by the General Superintendent**

8      [08-2052](#)      Authorization for payment to Water Environment Federation for Registration Fees for Eight Commissioners and Three Hundred and Four Employees in Various Departments to Attend WEFTEC 08, the Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference, and for Seven Employees to Compete on the District's Operations Challenge Team, in an amount not to exceed \$99,100.00, Accounts 101-11000, 15000, 16000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-601100, and; 201, 401, 501-50000-601100. *(As Revised)*  
**Approved**

9      [08-2054](#)      Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 02-010-3S Evanston Intercepting Sewer Orrington Avenue Leg Rehabilitation, North Service Area, in Evanston Illinois, from \$3,400,000.00 to \$5,977,000.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1208083  
*Debra Shore lifted her earlier deferral*  
**Approved**

10     [08-2081](#)      Authorization to ratify the General Superintendent's action to increase the purchase order and amend the agreement for Emergency Contract 08-900-05, Dewater, Inspect and Otherwise Recommission the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, to Midwest Service Center, L.L.C., in an amount of \$350,000.00 from an amount of \$1,250,000.00 to an amount of \$1,600,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220, Purchase Order 5000917 *(As Revised)*  
**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

11      [08-2039](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-934-11 Change-Out of Cooling Tower Media at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$135,000.00, Account 101-69000-612680, Requisition 1253614

*Patricia Horton lifted her earlier deferral*

**Approved**

12      [08-2040](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-808-11 Furnish, Deliver, and Install Equipment for Sodium Hypochlorite Dosing at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$30,000.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1249901

**Approved**

13      [08-2047](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-618-11 Maintenance and Repair of Switchgear, Transformers and Motors at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisitions 1253598

**Approved**

14      [08-2055](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 06-212-3M Calumet TARP Pumping Station Pumps E1/W1 Improvements, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$20,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-645600, Requisition 1246148

**Approved**

15      [08-2065](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-691-11 Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$1,715,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisitions 1252928 and 1252085 (As Revised)

**Approved**

16      [08-2070](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-718-11 Services to Maintain and Repair Boilers at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$65,000.00, Account 101-67000-612680, Requisition 1253657

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

17      [08-2048](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with EOS International to acquire library software modules and integration services, in an amount not to exceed \$29,600.00, Accounts 101-27000-601170,634820, Requisition 1252947

**Approved**

18      08-2062      Issue purchase order for Contract 08-789-12, Furnish and Deliver Three Electric Motors to the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, Items 1 and 2, to Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$21,200.00, Account 101-67000-634600, Requisition 1235984

**Approved**

19      08-2063      Issue purchase order to Dorner Products, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver a BIF Flow Controller, in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.00, Account 101-67000-623270, Requisition 1255053

**Approved**

20      08-2066      Issue purchase order to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling of settling tanks, aeration tanks and appurtenant flow distribution structures for the North Side WRP and the grit tanks and appurtenant flow distribution structures for the Stickney and Calumet WRPs, in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.00, Account 401-50000-601410, Requisition 1250427

**Approved**

21      08-2075      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 08-RFP-12, Services to Perform Professional Solid Waste Auditing for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, with Solid Waste Solutions Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, Account 101-15000-601170, Requisition 1236597

**Approved**

22      08-2077      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 08-RFP-15, Air Quality Assessment of the Laboratory Environments at the Calumet, Egan and Stickney Water Reclamation Plants for a Two-Year Period, with Environmental Design International, Inc. (EDI), in an amount not to exceed \$61,200.00, Account 101-15000-601170, Requisition 1231614

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

23      08-2022      Authority to award Contract 08-716-12 Services to Maintain and Load Test Emergency Generators in the North Side Service Area, to Steiner Electric Company, in an amount not to exceed \$59,920.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1225630 (*Deferred from the September 18, 2008 Board Meeting*)

**Approved**

24      [08-2045](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-049-11 Furnish and Deliver Work Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Allied Glove Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$16,860.96, Group B and Group D to Safety Supply Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$13,728.96 and Group C to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,240.00, Account 101-20000-623700

**Approved**

25      [08-2050](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-963-12 (Re-Bid) Pavement Repairs in the Stickney, LASMA and Outlying Service Areas, to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1229278

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

26      [08-2051](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 06-681-11, Window Washing Services at Various Locations, to Program One Professional Building Services Inc., in an amount of \$5,250.10, from an amount of \$57,535.00, to an amount not to exceed \$52,284.90, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612490, and 101-15000-612370 and 612390, Purchase Orders 5000586, 5000588 and 5000589

**Approved**

27      [08-2053](#)      Authority to increase purchase order to the Chicago Defender, to publish invitations to bid for contracts and publish legal notices for original entrance and promotional civil service examinations in a newspaper intended to target the African-American market, in an amount of \$7,500.00, from an amount of \$9,500.00 to an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 3048273

**Approved**

28      [08-2057](#)      Authority to increase Contract 07-854-3M, Emergency Elevator Improvements at Kirie WRP and Hanover Park WRP, to KONE Inc., in the amount of \$80,849.85, from an amount of \$3,564,744.56 to an amount not to exceed \$3,645,594.41, Accounts 101-50000-612680, 401-50000-645680 and 645780, Purchase Order 5000787

**Approved**

29      [08-2058](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 05-950-12, Truck Hauling of Processed Biosolids from Lagoons and Drying Sites to Various Locations, to Ox Cart Trucking, Inc., in an amount of \$11,693.34, from an amount of \$1,126,440.50, to an amount not to exceed \$1,114,747.16, Account 101-69000-612520, Purchase Order 5000351

**Approved**

30      [08-2059](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 06-656-11, Services to Inspect and Maintain TARP Electrical Control Chambers and Tide Gate Monitoring Systems at Various Locations, to Divane Bros. Electric Company, in an amount of \$28,954.59, from an amount of \$563,245.63, to an amount not to exceed \$534,291.04, Accounts 101-69000, 68000, 67000-612600, Purchase Orders 5000574, 5000575 and 5000576

**Approved**

31      [08-2067](#)      Authority to increase purchase order for Contract 08-011-11 Furnishing and Delivering Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Grade Fuel Oil to Fulton County, Illinois, to Sunrise AG Service Co., in an amount of \$5,010.00, from an amount of \$24,990.00 to an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, Account 101-68000-623820, Purchase Order 3051713

**Approved**

32      [08-2082](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement for Emergency Contract 08-900-05, Dewater, Inspect and Otherwise Recommission the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$787,500.00 from an amount of \$25,000.00 to an amount of \$812,500.00, Account 901-30000-667220, Purchase Order 5000923

**Approved**

33      [08-2083](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement for Emergency Contract 08-900-05, Dewater, Inspect and Otherwise Recommission the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00 from an amount of \$25,000.00 to an amount of \$40,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220, Purchase Order 5000932

**Approved**

## **Judiciary Committee**

### **Authorization**

34      [08-2043](#)      Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Colette Rohan vs. MWRDGC, I.C. #08WC 03228, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission in the sum of \$32,670.86. Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## **Maintenance & Operations Committee**

### **Reports**

35      [08-2087](#)      Report to the Board of Commissioners on the Maintenance and Operations Department's Affirmative Action Program in Solids Disposal Contracts in 2008 and Proposed Program for 2009 (As Revised)  
**Published and Filed**

## Public Information & Education

### Authorization

36      [08-2061](#)      Authorization for payment to the State of Illinois, Special State Projects Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the Fall 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
**Approved**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

37      [08-2041](#)      Authority to issue a 2-year permit extension to CH2M Hill, Inc. to access District land to plan and conduct soil borings, surveying and other site-related activities in connection with District Contract 05-711-3P related to the design of pipelines to transport waste water from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00  
**Approved**

38      [08-2079](#)      Authority to accept the initial annual rental bid of \$706,000.00 from and enter into lease with Rowell Chemical Corporation for a 39-year term on approximately 25.50 acres of improved land at 10100 Archer Avenue in Willow Springs, Illinois; Main Channel Atlas Parcel 28.01  
**Approved**

39      [08-2080](#)      Authority to issue a 5-year permit to Comcast of Illinois/Indiana ("Comcast") to continue to cross the Cal Sag Channel, west of the Francisco Avenue Bridge, with an approximately 1,111 feet of coaxial fiber cable, in Worth Township, Cook County, Illinois. Consideration shall be an annual fee of \$2,000.00.  
**Approved**

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Ordinance

40 [008-007](#) An Ordinance authorizing the early redemption of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series of July, 1997; directing the County Clerk to abate the levy of taxes for principal and interest in the amount of \$56,213,300 and providing for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$44,574,000 to fund the redemption of the called bonds and related expenses

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Additional Agenda Items**

41 [08-2049](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement for the law firm of Matthew W. Cockrell and Associates, P.C. for services rendered in connection with the prosecution of an environmental cost recovery action for District property at 3426 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, formerly leased to R. Lavin and Sons [Main Channel Atlas Index Parcel Numbers 41.04 and 41.10] in an amount of \$1,788.28, from an amount of \$184,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$186,288.28, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3015858

**Approved**

42 [08-2088](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Anna Langford

**Adopted**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 7, 40 and 43**

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young, Terrence J. O'Brien

43 [08-2089](#) MOTION

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young, Terrence J. O'Brien

#### **Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

*Marian Orfeo, President of NACWA presented the following NACWA Awards to the District for excellence in consistently achieving compliance with its NPDES permit limits:*

- *Platinum Award to the Stickney Plant*
- *Platinum 11 Award to the Lemont Plant*
- *Platinum 16 Award to the Calumet Plant*
- *Gold Awards to the Egan, Kirie and North Side Plants*
- *Silver Award to the Hanover Park Plant*

*Peter Lobin, owner of Solid Waste Solutions answered questions regarding the solid waste audit (Re: Purchasing Item: 21)*

*George Blakemore, a private citizen, requested a report on the number of African American Managers in each department*

**Summary of Requests**

*Barbara J. McGowan requested that the actual amount paid to date be included in future reports (Re: Maintenance and Operations Item: 35)*

*Patricia Horton recommended the change-out of cooling tower media be performed every seven years (Re: Purchasing Item: 11)*

*President O'Brien requested a report on the security regarding vacant lands*

*President O'Brien asked that a press release be issued regarding the abatement (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item: 40)*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2008 please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Purchasing Agent for signature and preparation: October 6, 2008**

**Date Board letters are due to the General Superintendent: 1:00 p.m., October 9, 2008**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Patricia Horton, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this October 2, 2008, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien  
President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

October 2, 2008